Die Martis, 16. *Septemb.* 1645.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LORDS and COMMONS ASSEMBLED IN PARLIAMENT,

DECLARING,

As well the Buyer as Seller lyable to Fines and Forfeitures; And containing ſome neceſſary Injunctions for Advance of the *EXCISE*.

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WHereas divers the Buyers of Exciseable Commodities conceiving themselves not liable to any Penalty, Fine, or Forfeiture for any offence whatsoever committed against any the Ordinances of Excise, because in no Article of any the said Ordi-

nances they are particularly and expreſly named ſo to be; have thereby been emboldened to uſe all manner of indirect practiſes whereby to deceive the State of the Duty of Exciſe. And whereas by pretence of roomaging and removing of Goods unſold, and yet in the firſt hand, from one place to another, much fraud and deceit hath been uſed to the evill intent aforeſaid; Now the Lords and Commons in this preſent Parliament Aſſembled, taking the Premiſſes into conſideration, for prevention of all ſuch and other fraudulent and indirect practices hereafter, doe hereby Declare and Ordain, That no Perſon or Perſons whatſoever ſhall remove, roomage, or carry from owne houſe to another, any Goods or Commodities whatſoever chargeable with this Duty though unſold, or that the Duty of *Exciſe* bee already paid without a Ticket, or and Officer appointed to that purpoſe by the Commiſſioners of Exciſe, under the Penalties in the thirteenth Article of the Ordinance of the eleventh of *September*, one thouſand ſix hundred forty three mentioned: Provided that no Officer ſo appointed, ſhall take or demand any Fee or reward of any Merchant or other for that ſervice. And be it further Declared and Ordained, That a barter or exchange of one ſort of Goods for another, was, and ſhall bee accompted ſale. And it is further Ordained and Declared by the Lords and Commons aforeſaid, That for all Goods, Merchandizes, and Commodities whatſoever made Exciſeable by any the Ordinances of Parliament, which ſhall bee bought, ſold,

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battered, or delivered contrary to the true intent and meaning of the ſaid thirteenth Article, or any other Article in any the ſaid Ordinances, or whereof a true and perfect Entry ſhall not have been made of weight, number, price, and value; as well the Buyer as the Seller ſhall bee lyable to ſuch Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines; and ſo to be Leavied and employed as in the ſaid Article, or Articles was provided and ordained for the Seller, Maker, Merchant, or Importer onely: Provided and it is hereby intended, That the Commiſſioners of Exciſe ſhall not bee hereby debarred, as they ſhall ſee cauſe, to grant any bill of ſufferance, according to the Ordinance of the one and thirtyeth of *Auguſt* laſt paſt. And it is further Ordained and Declared by *A*uthority aforeſaid, by way of explanation of the Schedule in the Ordinance of the eleventh of *September*, one thouſand ſix hundred forty three, and for taking away all diſpute and cavill concerning the content of a Tun of Wine, That two Buts, two Pipes, foure Hogſheads (of what ſort ſoever) ſix Teircies, three Punchions or Tertians, and eight Quarter Caskes of Wine reſpectively, ſhall be accompted for one Tun. *A*nd all Merchants, Importers, Makers, Buyers, Retaylers, and other Traders and dealers in any Exciſeable Commodities, ſhall according to the true intent and meaning of the ſaid recited Ordinance, upon due notice by Ticket or Officer, make and deliver under their ſeverall and reſpective hands in writing to the ſaid Commiſſiones of Exciſe, as oft

as they ſhall ſee cauſe to require the ſame true and juſt accompts of what Goods they have reſpectively Imported, made, bought, ſold, bartered, ſpent, or have then upon their hands, upon Penalty of five Pounds to bee forfeited *toties quoties* for every refuſall; to bee ſo Leavied, and for ſuch uſes, as in the ſaid Ordinance of the eleventh of *September* is preſcribed. And it is hereby further Ordained, That as well the Commiſſioners of Exciſe, their *D*eputies and Officers, as all and every other Perſon and Perſons which ſhall doe any thing in execution of this preſent Ordinance, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, ſhall bee therein from time to time protected and ſaved harmeleſſe as well for what is paſt, as for what is to come, by the Power and Authority of both Houſes of Parliament. And that the Ordinance of the ninteenth of *February* laſt paſt, concerning the Exciſe ſhall be nulled and made void.

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